

  
Councilmember Phil Mendelson

  
Councilmember Kathy Patterson

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmembers Phil Mendelson and Kathy Patterson introduced the following  
legislation which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To provide real property tax relief to a part of lot 10 in square 1954 in the District of Columbia  
which is owned by the Rosedale Conservancy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
act may be cited as the "Rosedale Conservancy Real Property Tax Exemption Act of 2003".

Sec. 2. Chapter 10 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as  
follows:

(a) The table of contents to the chapter is amended by adding a new section designation  
"§ 47-1053. Rosedale Conservancy, lot 10 in square 1954".

(b) A new section 47-1053 is added to read as follows:

"§ 47-1053. Rosedale Conservancy, lot 10 in square 1954.

"(a) The Council of the District of Columbia orders that all real property taxes, interest,  
penalties, fees, recordation taxes and other related charges assessed against real property located  
on part of square 1954, lot 10, for the period beginning September 26, 2002 until its transfer to  
the Rosedale Conservancy be forgiven, and that any payments already made for this period, as of

the effective date of this act, be refunded; provided, that this property is transferred to the  
Rosedale Conservancy.

(b) The property located in the District of Columbia described as part of lot 10 in square  
1954 situated at 3501 Newark Street, N.W., owned, occupied, and used by the Rosedale  
Conservancy, is hereby exempt from all taxation so long as:

(1) All of the real property remains unimproved, maintained as open space and parkland,  
except as necessary for the placement of those small utility or maintenance sheds required for  
upkeep of the property, and is reasonably accessible to the general public without charge or  
payment of a fee of any kind.

(2) The grounds thereon are preserved and maintained in a manner consistent with the  
real property's historical significance.

(3) No new improvements, additions, or significant alterations, except for repairs or  
maintenance, are to be made or constructed on the real property.

(4) The real property is owned by the Rosedale Conservancy, an organization qualifying  
under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, approved October 22, 1986 (100  
stat. 2085; 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)), is used solely to further the tax-exempt purposes of the  
Rosedale Conservancy, and the Rosedale Conservancy does not lease or otherwise allow other  
persons to occupy the real property in whole or in part.

Sec. 3. The provisions of D.C. Official Code §§ 47-1005, 47-1007, and 47-1009 shall  
apply with respect to real property relief granted by this act.

Sec. 4. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the  
fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,

approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)). 1

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto 2  
by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional 3  
review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved 4  
December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in the District of 5  
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